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Applicant : Shutsung Liao et al.
Serial No. : 10/705,398
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Title : STEROID DERIVATIVES

Art Unit : 1614
Examiner : Unknown

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action dated July 26, 2004 (the "Action"), Applicants elect the invention of a group not listed in exemplary groups I-IX in the Action. To fully respond to the Action, Applicants elect the species that is compound number 30 in the specification at page 10, line 2 and in claim 34 as originally filed. As indicated at page 5 of the Action, the Examiner will endeavor to group the same. Commensurate with the exemplified groupings, Applicants offer for consideration the following group, which encompasses the elected species:

n is 0;

X is alkyl or alkenyl;

Y is a bond; and

Z is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, or heteroaralkyl, and is optionally substituted with hydroxy, alkoxy, amino, halo, sulfonic acid, -O-sulfonic acid, carboxyl, oxo, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, alkylcarbonyl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, or alkylthio; or is -CH(A)-B with A being an amino acid side chain containing an

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aromatic moiety, and B being hydrogen, $-NR^aR^b$, or $-COOR^c$ wherein each of R^a , R^b , and R^c , independently, is hydrogen or alkyl.

The election is made without traverse. Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact their undersigned representative to discuss the restriction groups or this election. Applicants thank the Examiner in advance for this courtesy.

Applicants filed a Petition for Extension of Time and fee on October 8, 2004 to extend the period for reply to this Action to and including October 26, 2004. A copy of this petition is included herewith. Accordingly, no additional fees are believed due. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No.: 10634-002002.

Respectfully submitted,

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